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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 8360X&/MH	FOR FURTHER ACTION <small>see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.</small>	
International application No. PCT/US 01/46933	International filing date (day/month/year) 05/12/2001	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 05/12/2000
Applicant THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY		

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- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.



the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

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2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,



the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

METHOD FOR DIAGNOSING PATHOLOGY IN BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES

5. With regard to the **abstract**,



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the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.



as suggested by the applicant.



because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.



because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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None of the figures.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 G01N21/35 G01N33/487

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 G01N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, BIOSIS

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>DIEM M ET AL: "INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY OF CELLS AND TISSUES: SHINING LIGHT ONTO A NOVEL SUBJECT"</p> <p>APPLIED SPECTROSCOPY, THE SOCIETY FOR APPLIED SPECTROSCOPY. BALTIMORE, US, vol. 53, no. 4, April 1999 (1999-04), pages 148A-161A, XP000823527</p> <p>ISSN: 0003-7028</p> <p>cited in the application</p> <p>page 152A, left-hand column, last paragraph -middle column, paragraph 2</p> <p>page 153A -page 154A, line M; figures 3-6</p> <p>---</p> <p>-/--</p>	1-10

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A	<p>US 5 596 992 A (HAALAND DAVID M ET AL) 28 January 1997 (1997-01-28) column 3, line 8 - line 17 column 6, line 10 - line 63</p> <p>---</p>	1,2
A	<p>STORY G M ET AL: "Infrared spectroscopic imaging: A new tool for the pathology laboratory." BREAST CANCER RESEARCH AND TREATMENT, vol. 64, no. 1, November 2000 (2000-11), page 59 XP008006339 23rd Annual San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium: San Antonio, Texas, USA; December 06-09, 2000 ISSN: 0167-6806 the whole document</p> <p>---</p>	1-3
A	<p>DUKOR RINA K ET AL: "A method for analysis of clinical tissue samples using FTIR microspectroscopic imaging." SPECTROSCOPY OF BIOLOGICAL MOLECULES: NEW DIRECTIONS., 1999, pages 471-472, XP008006340 8th European Conference on the Spectroscopy of Biological Molecules; Enschede, The Netherlands; August 29-September 2, 1999, Kluwer Academic Publishers; Kluwer Academic Publishers PO Box 989, 3300 AZ Dordrecht, The Netherlands; 101 Phillip Drive, Norwell, Massachusetts 02061, USA ISBN: 0-7923-5847-3 the whole document</p> <p>---</p>	1-3
A	<p>LEWIS E N ET AL: "FOURIER TRANSFORM SPECTROSCOPIC IMAGING USING AN INFRARED FOCAL-PLANE ARRAY DETECTOR" ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY, AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY, COLUMBUS, US, vol. 67, no. 19, 1 October 1995 (1995-10-01), pages 3377-3381, XP000535652 ISSN: 0003-2700 abstract</p> <p>-----</p>	

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Information on patent family members

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US 5539207	A	23-07-1996	NONE	
US 5596992	A	28-01-1997	NONE	